



Germania Nachrichten

Germania Singing and Sport Society

543 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Since 1866, Preserving German Culture for 148 Years
Home of the Original Oktoberfest in Columbus



March—April, 2014

President's Message

Dear Germania Member,

I'm ready for Spring! How about you? Weather permitting, we have some great things planned at your Germania.

It starts with Mardi Gras on March 1, the St. Patrick's dinner dance on March 15. We may not have green grass yet, but on that day we all wear green and celebrate with our Irish friends.

The men singers invite all to their annual Spaghetti Dinner on March 30. Our Spring Dance (we hope) will take place on April 5.

The Ladies Auxiliary will host the Palm Sunday dinner on April 13.

Then on April 27 our very popular annual Schmeckfest will take place. This year we plan to donate part of our profit to a small town, named Trent, on the German island of Rügen. The town had to give up their brass bell during WWI, and never replaced it. They are trying to raise €25,000 for a new one. We thank Gunter Garbe for making us aware of this need.

The May Dance this year will take place on May 3. The Volkstänzer are working hard to entertain us with new dances that evening.

Thea Klabunde, President

Financial Secretary

Greetings from the Financial Secretary ... it's that time of year again. Yes, I'm talking about dues and not subzero temperatures and snow! Dues are due by **March 31st**. If you have already paid your dues ... **THANK YOU!** If not, then please see me! If you have already sent in your dues and you have not received a **2014** membership card ... see me/contact me/call me and I'll get it taken care of.

I'm happy to report that so far about ½ of our members have already sent in their dues and so the cup is half full. I will do my best to process dues and make sure members receive membership cards in a timely manner. Please feel free to leave membership payments at the bar (in an envelope) or if you see me down at the club, you may (of course) give me the envelope as well ... **OR** you can mail them to the club. If you did not receive a renewal form, please let me know and I'll be glad to supply you with one.

I look forward to hearing from you about any concerns related to membership and stand ready to answer any questions you may have. If I do not know an answer, I promise to seek answers for you.

Sincerely,

Jane Ott, Financial Secretary

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Benevolence

We offer sincere condolences to **Gisela Fildebrandt** and her family on the passing of her mother, **Emmy Hack**. Our sympathy goes out to **Olga Hesch** and her family on the loss of her daughter, **Inge**. We continue to keep **Johanna Paulino**, **Lotte Koennemann** and **Gerhard Wolff** in our prayers.

John & Dolores Kneller visited **Mike Lochner** in Phoenix in January and found him to be in good health. He likes the Arizona weather, but he misses his friends in Columbus. If you send him a note, the address is 21547 N. 85th Drive, Peoria, AZ 85382-3413, phone: 1-623-249-9657.

**Next News
Deadline
April 15**

E-mail: germaniacols@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.germaniacolumbus.org

Dining Room/Reservations: 614/228-9055
Office/Society Information: 614/461-8095

Facility available for Private Parties not in conflict with Germania Events. Support your Society by attending as many functions as possible. Please send us your e-mail address for timely notification of schedule changes an event cancellations.

Greetings from the Damenchor

Mid-winter greetings from the Damenchor ... we've already had enough of winter and we've had enough cold and snow to last us for the next ten years but I wouldn't be surprised if we still have more to come ... sigh.. No matter, it won't keep the ladies down ... we're still practicing for up-coming events. The Damenchor rehearses every Thursday evening at the club up in the music room at 7:30 PM and all are welcome to join us.

The annual **Mardi Gras** dinner & dance is just around the corner – **March 1st** – and the ladies of the Damenchor will be your hosts and **Ray Galla** will be the band for entertainment after dinner. If you plan to eat dinner, we ask that you place your reservation no later than **Feb. 26th** at **228-9055**.

As posted in the previous newsletter, we will offer Veggie Lasagna or Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes. We will also have desserts for your delight and there will be all kinds of raffle prizes as well. We always proudly celebrate **Mardi Gras** in style so **Mardi Gras** attire is welcome and encouraged. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Jane Ott, President

Attention New Members & Prospective Members!

If you joined the Germania in the past couple of years, or you know someone who should be a member, or if you are a curious member, you are invited to a **Reception at the club on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m.** If you are a new member and haven't picked up your key and membership card this is a good opportunity to do so.

Free refreshments will be combined with several brief presentations. There will be an update of local club events, planned travel events and other club opportunities. We hope that each person attending obtains a better understanding of the club, its 2014/2015 calendar and its committees. Our goal for the evening is to provide each with an opportunity to meet new friends and expand their heritage exploration.

To help us prepare for the event, please email your attendees' names to John Korting at JKorting@KortingFamily.org or call him at 614 457 7731

Deutscher Radfahrerverein

Sean O'Briant and his Radfahrerverein Komitee have carefully studied the Germania schedule of events and have woven it into what appears to be a full and interesting biking schedule for 2014. That schedule is printed below. You will find that all rides except the one on Sunday, July 20, are on Saturday. The meeting times and additional information will be published in the May-June newsletter and on the Germania website, www.germaniacolumbus.org. A number of these rides include taking an enjoyable break in the middle of the ride at a local eating place, such as the "Olde Bag of Nails" in Plain City, or "Nancy's Home Cooking" in Clintonville. On other rides we will

end at an eating place, either at the Club or at the home of a host. Last year we grew a core of interested riders, and we hope to gain more this year. The first ride of the year on May 17th will be our **Familienfahrradtour**. It's a shorter route on a bike only trail and we want the children of the Germania to come out and pedal with their parents and grandparents and enjoy Spring in Ohio. Please come join us for your health and fun, and bring your friends who are not members. The Radfahrerverein is another welcoming event for prospective members! This year we will be offering a Bar prize to the rider who partakes in the most events! Zureiten (ride on!)

Date	Ride Name	Meeting Location	Potluck/Meal	Notes
17-May	Heritage Trail	4675 Cosgray Road, Hilliard. Homestead Park	Olde Bag of Nails Pub	Hilliard to Plain City
21-Jun	Alum Trail South, Long	Wolfe Park, 105 Park Drive, Columbus, OH 43209	Jeni's Ice Cream	Blacklick Woods Metro Park to Jeni's Ice Cream bexley
5-Jul	North Alum Creek Trail	5113 Rosebud Court, Columbus 43230	Knellers	
20-Jul	Olentangy Trail	North Hills Market	"Pub break"	Ride from North to Club, carpool back to North Hills Market??
16-Aug	Praire Grass Trail	1775 Darby Creek Dr, Galloway, OH 43119	The Galloway Tavern	Battelle Darby Creek Metro park to London
30-Aug	Scioto Trail	Germania Club	Germania Club	
13-Sep	Evans Trail	799 West Broadway Granville, OH 43023	Hohmanns	Wildwood Park, Granville to Johnstown
27-Sep	Hoover Reservoir	Towers Park, 161 N. Spring Rd Westerville, Oh 43081	TBD	
18-Oct	Three Creeks Metro Park	3860 Bixby Road, Groveport, OH 43125	Motikas	Three Creeks Metro park to Blacklick Woods Metro Park

***** **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *****

Reservations are required where noted, and must be made on or before the dates given. Call **614-228-9055 (unless noted otherwise)** for reservations and for more information (menu, price...etc.) concerning specific events. Unless otherwise noted, all dinners are served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the bands play for dancing from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dancing only, \$8.00.

Saturday, March 1

MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE

Menu: Vegetable Lasagna and Salad or
Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and Salad
Ray Galla Band for dancing
Hosted by the Germania Damenchor
Call 228-9055 for reservations by February 26

Saturday, March 15

ST PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

Menu: Fried Cabbage and
Kassler Rippen or Irish Stew (Lamb)
Dave Sabatka band for dancing
Hosted by the Volkstänzer

Sunday, March 30

MÄNNERCHOR SPAGHETTI DINNER

Open to the public
Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
All you can eat: \$9.00
Dessert extra

Saturday, April 5

SPRING DANCE

Menu: Schnitzel or Baked Fish
Home Fries, Vegetables
Ray Galla Band for dancing
Hosted by the House Committee and Trustees
Call 228-9055 for reservations by April 2

Sunday, April 6

MEETINGS

2:00 p.m.—Ladies Auxiliary meeting
3:00 p.m. General Membership meeting

Sunday, April 13

PALM SUNDAY DINNER

Open to the public
Club opens at noon, serving 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Menu: Ham or Swiss Steak, Appropriate Side Dishes
Dessert—Past President Helga Leeder's Chocolate Mousse
\$16.00 per person
Reservations required of Germania members by April 8
Call Dolores Kneller at 614-898-9022
Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

Sunday, April 27

SCHMECKFEST V

Open to the public
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
A taste of all good German cuisine
Graze to your heart's content for only \$15.00!

Saturday, May 3

MAY DANCE

Menu: Pepper Steak with Rice or
Oven Baked Porkchops
Vegetable, Salad
Dave Sabatka Band for dancing
Hosted by Mendelssohn Liedertafel

Ladies Auxiliary News

On February 14 the Ladies Auxiliary hosted Germania's annual Sweetheart dinner/dance. In spite of the snow, we had a good attendance, and everyone seemed to have a good time. As usual, the food was great.

It has come to the attention of those who serve at our dinner/dance events that some members and their guests may not understand that dessert is not included in the price of the meal. Unless stated otherwise, desserts are extra, and their prices are posted in the area where the desserts are displayed.

An exception to this is the Palm Sunday Dinner to be held April 13 this year. Dessert for that dinner is Chocolate Mousse provided by our past president Helga Leeder. We look forward to seeing you and Celebrating Palm Sunday.

Dolores Kneller, President

Trustees News

I would like to thank John Kneller for two productive years as our Trustee Chairman. We had to make some good business decisions to help insure the club maintain a profitable outlook. The trustees under John's leadership have added the Sommerfests, improved our public image and helped the other public events become bigger each year. I have been elected the new Chairman and I can only hope to continue to improve our clubs financial pictures. The trustees would also like to thank the volunteers for their contribution. If we did not have your support during these events our success would be in question.

We have a full schedule again this year I hope we can count on our regular crew of volunteers as well as new volunteers from our membership.

Bob Traphagan, Chairman

Schmeckfest V!

Schmeckfest V – April 27th – is sooner than you think. It’s a very important fundraiser at the Germania for the club and **WE NEED EVERYONE’S SUPPORT!**

We need volunteers: to make food ... to help us serve the food ... to help us sell tickets (pre-sale) ... to help greet our guests ... to help bus tables ... to help set up ... to help clean up ... to help publicize the occasion ... to do anything you can to help us.

We are promising to feature food from Germany ... Sauerbraten, Gulasch, Schnitzel, Bratwurst...you name it, we’ll have it!

Even if you don’t know how to cook German food, we can still use **your** help. This event will be open to the public and brings in many people who are not all that familiar with our club ... perspective members, people seeking to enhance their knowledge of our precious German culture. This is definitely a time for us to shine and strut our stuff ... give meaning to our

name and our community (German Village).

We also need each member to put forth an effort to help us sell pre-sale donation tickets, so please contact me with any requests for tickets ... for yourself, for friends, for family, your co-workers, your golf buddies, your knitting club, your yoga friends ... well you get the drift (and I’m not talking snow). Here is your chance to celebrate surrounded by family, friends and all around Gemütlichkeit while you support your club.

\$12.00 donation tickets may be purchased prior to the event from **Jane Ott** (614-425-9439) OR at the Bar during open hours. For Bar open hours, please contact the club at (614) **228-9055**. Of course, we will be grateful for \$15.00 donations the day of the event. Children under 6 may attend the event free. (Please note ... there will be no “will call” \$12.00 donation tickets the day of the event.)

Jane Ott, Schmeckfest Ticket sales

A Word to the Wise:

We want to remind everyone that if you observe a car parked where it appears it shouldn’t be, please do not confront the owner or leave a note on the car. But DO write down the date, time and license number and give that to a trustee or a bartender. Maintaining a good business relationship with the company who rents our five spaces closest to Front Street from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. is worth \$3,000 per year to YOUR CLUB. Let’s be careful. Thank you.

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